

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 572

By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Team United upon winning the American Youth Soccer Organization Area 5B, Division U12 Boys, Soccer Tournament.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those exemplary athletes and athletic teams who have attained the ultimate laurel in sporting competition, namely a championship title; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athletic team is Team United, a Division U12 Boys soccer team, which persevered against tough competition from sixteen regions to claim the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Area 5B Soccer Tournament Championship in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, representing Region 337 from Halls/North Knoxville/Fountain City, Team United posted phenomenal statistics during their run to the championship, outscoring their opponents eighteen goals to five, making fifty goal attempts to thirteen against, and taking sixteen corner kicks versus five for their foes; and

WHEREAS, possessing a dynamic defensive unit, the members of Team United play a tenacious and focused defense that keeps opposing players on their heels, severely limiting their scoring opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Team United enjoys the excellent guidance and leadership of coaches Tim McMahan and Rich Connelly, each of whom takes great pride in sharing his years of experience and soccer knowledge with the talented players; and

WHEREAS, displaying magnificent skill and talent, the members of Team United are Patrick Connelly, who is currently home schooled, has six years of soccer experience, and plays stopper and fullback positions; Caleb Cooper, who attends Knoxville Baptist Christian School, has two years of soccer experience, and plays stopper/center fullback; Daniel Del Moro, who

attends Halls Middle School, has six years of soccer experience, and plays stopper, fullback, and forward; Josh Drinnen, who attends Powell Middle School, has six years of soccer experience, and plays fullback and forward; Michael Dunn, who attends St. Joseph School, has six years of soccer experience, and plays right forward; Russell Emory, who attends Gresham Middle School, has four years of soccer experience, and plays midfield and forward positions; Zachary Gee, who attends St. Joseph School, has five years of soccer experience and plays fullback; Zachary Gray, who attends Adrian Burnett Elementary School and has two years of soccer experience and plays forward, fullback, and goal keeper; Jonah McMahan, who attends Fountain City Elementary School, has five years of soccer experience and plays forward, fullback, and goal keeper; Andrew Neighbor, who is currently home schooled, has six years of soccer experience and plays stopper and midfield positions; Nathan Silver, who attends Berean Christian School, has two years of soccer experience, and plays fullback and forward positions; Zachary Tindell, who attends Powell Middle School, has six years of soccer experience, and plays fullback; and Jonah Tran, who attends Holston Middle School, has five years of soccer experience, and plays fullback and forward positions; and

WHEREAS, the members of Team United epitomize all that is good in today's youth, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship soccer season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Team United on their tournament success and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players and coaches of Team United upon winning the AYSO Area 5B Soccer Tournament, Division U12 Boys, and wish them every continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.